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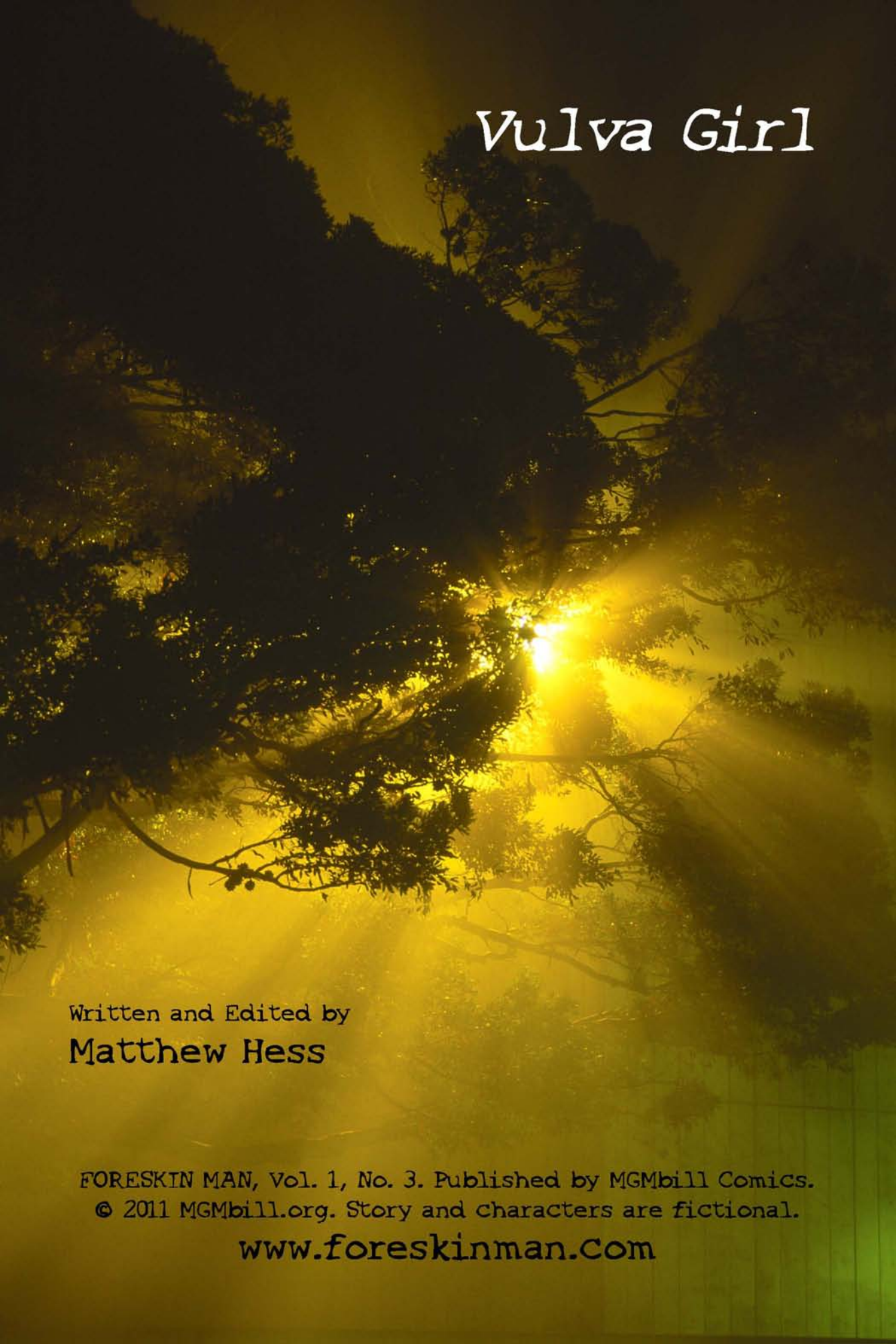

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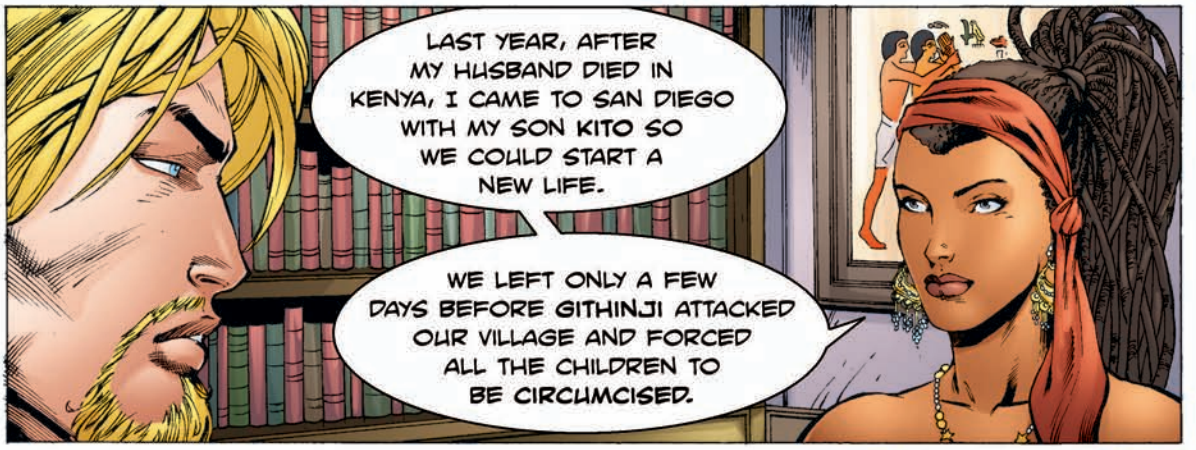
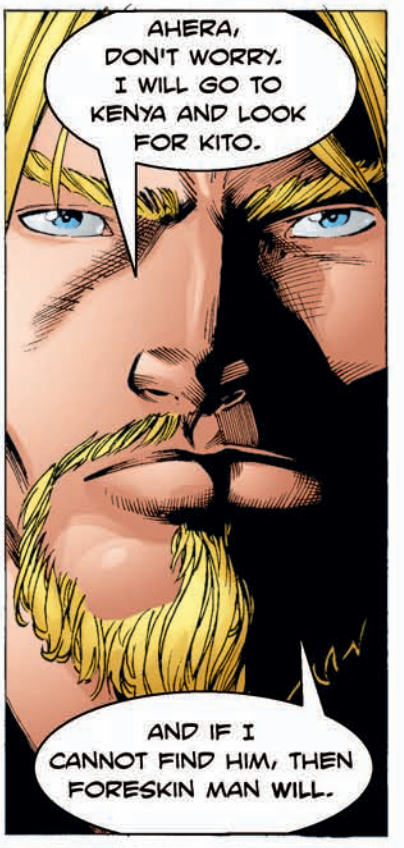
THIS AFTERNOON, IN THE CURATOR'S OFFICE AT THE MUSEUM OF GENITAL INTEGRITY IN SAN DIEGO.
WITH OUR AFRICAN TRIBAL CIRCUMCISION EXHIBIT NOW OPEN, WE'RE GETTING SOME ATTENTION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA.
IT PROBABLY WON'T BE MUCH LONGER UNTIL--
MR. HASTWICK?
YES, MS...?
MY NAME IS AHERA KAMILI. MAY I COME IN?
OF COURSE. PLEASE, SIT DOWN.
FORGIVE ME, MR. HASTWICK, BUT I DID NOT KNOW WHERE ELSE TO TURN.
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR MUSEUM IN THE NEWS AND I...I...
PLEASE, CALL ME MILES. AHERA, START FROM THE BEGINNING AND TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG.


LAST YEAR, AFTER MY HUSBAND DIED IN KENYA, I CAME TO SAN DIEGO WITH MY SON KITO SO WE COULD START A NEW LIFE.
WE LEFT ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE GITHINJI ATTACKED OUR VILLAGE AND FORCED ALL THE CHILDREN TO BE CIRCUMCISED.

YOU ARE LUCKY TO HAVE ESCAPED, AHERA. GITHINJI IS A RUTHLESS CIRCUMCISER. MANY BOYS HAVE DIED FROM THE WOUNDS HE INFLICTED ON THEM.
AND HIS WIFE HAS MUTILATED THOUSANDS OF GIRLS.

YES...YES. BUT NOW KITO IS MISSING AND I AM CERTAIN THAT GITHINJI HAS KIDNAPPED HIM AND TAKEN HIM BACK TO AFRICA TO BE CUT.
PLEASE, MR. HASTWICK... MILES. CAN YOU FIND MY SON?
I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU KNOW HOW TO CONTACT FORESKIN MAN. IS THAT TRUE?


AHERA, DON'T WORRY. I WILL GO TO KENYA AND LOOK FOR KITO.
AND IF I CANNOT FIND HIM, THEN FORESKIN MAN WILL.

THANK YOU, MILES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. GACHERU IS AN OLD VILLAGE NEIGHBOR OF MINE. HE CAN MEET YOU IN NAIROBI AND TAKE YOU TO GITHINJI'S CAMP.
BUT I MUST WARN YOU, GITHINJI IS VERY DANGEROUS AND HE--

AHERA - DON'T WORRY.

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TWO DAYS LATER.
WELL, YOU MUST BE MILES HASTWICK.
THEY'RE GOING TO ARREST YOU FOR LOITERING BECAUSE YOU HAD TO WAIT SO LONG.
HA, HA!
COME ON, I AM GACHERU.
HONK HONK
HI. YES, I'M MILES.
ANY FRIEND OF AHERA'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE. I'LL HELP YOU FIND GITHINJI.
JUST RELAX, WE'LL BE THERE SOON.
SEVERAL HOURS LATER...
KISUMU
WE ARE ALMOST THERE.
FINALLY.

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
YES, WE ARE HERE.
STAY SEATED, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING...
...THAT I'M BEING SET UP!
WHERE IS HE?
FIND HIM!
IT'S FORESKIN MAN! PIN HIM DOWN.

IT IS OVER FOR YOU!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THEY WILL NOT AWAKEN UNTIL MORNING.
ARE YOU HURT?
NO, I... WELL, THANKS TO YOU I'M STILL BREATHING.
MY NAME IS F--
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
STORIES OF YOUR BATTLES WITH THE AMERICAN CIRCUMCISERS HAVE REACHED OUR SHORES.
WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS IN KENYA, FORESKIN MAN?
THESE ARE GITHINJI'S MEN, AND THEY DON'T SEEM TO LIKE YOU.
I'M LOOKING FOR A BOY NAMED KITO. HIS MOTHER BELIEVES THAT GITHINJI HAD HIM KIDNAPPED FROM SAN DIEGO AND TAKEN BACK HERE TO BE CIRCUMCISED.
THEN WE HAVE A COMMON MISSION. I AM HERE TO RESCUE MY NIECE AKEYO AND SIX OTHER GIRLS FROM GHINJO, GITHINJI'S WIFE.

GHINJO AND GITHINJI ARE NEVER FAR APART.
WHERE YOU FIND ONE, THE OTHER WILL SURELY BE NEARBY.
I AM VULVA GIRL.
COME, I WILL LEAD YOU TO THEIR CAMPS.

SHORTLY BEFORE DUSK...
THE CEREMONIES ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN. I MUST LEAVE YOU NOW. I CAN HANDLE GHINJO ON MY OWN.
WHERE DO I FIND GITHINJI?
HIS CAMP IS THE ONE ON THE RIGHT. BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL, FORESKIN MAN. HIS BODYGUARDS CARRY POISONOUS DARTS AND THEY ARE ONLY TOO WILLING TO USE THEM.
I'LL CREATE A DIVERSION FOR YOU.
WAIT UNTIL THEN TO ATTACK GITHINJI!

GHINJO'S CAMP...
SOB, SOB... SNIFF.
ADANNA, IS THAT YOU?
WHERE IS GHINJO?
SHE'S IN THE HUT BY THE WATER.
SHE'S GOING TO CUT AKEYO FIRST.
NO!
FROOM

LET HER GO, GHINJO!
VULVA GIRL! STAY BACK OR AKEYO WILL LOSE MORE THAN JUST HER WOMANHOOD.
AGGGH!
HOLD ON, AKEYO! WE HAVE ONE THING LEFT TO DO.
WHOOM

NEARBY, AT GITHINJI'S CAMP...
WHOOSH
LUSALA, SEFU! GO FIND OUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED!
THERE'S MY DIVERSION... JUST IN TIME.
WE WILL NOT LET THIS INTRUSION DELAY YOUR RITE OF PASSAGE.
STEP FORWARD AND OFFER YOUR FORESKINS TO THE TRIBE!
GUFF!
WHOKK
URGGH!
CHOK
KITO, WHERE ARE YOU? ARE YOU HERE?
FORESKIN MAN! I KNEW YOU'D COME TO SAVE US!
GITHINJI'S MEN KIDNAPPED ME WHILE I WAS SLEEPING.

LATER...
I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, VULVA GIRL.
AHERA WILL BE OVERJOYED WHEN SHE LEARNS THAT KITO IS SAFE.
I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESCUE HIM WITHOUT YOUR HELP.
AND I WOULD HAVE HAD TO MAKE A TERRIBLE CHOICE WERE YOU NOT HERE, FORESKIN MAN.
THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO SAVE BOTH THE GIRLS AND THE BOYS FROM BEING CUT.
TOGETHER WE ARE POWERFUL ALLIES.
KWAHERI KWA SASA!*
* "GOOD-BYE FOR NOW!" IN SWAHILI.
END.